THE POSITION

The public interest is completely absorbed the events at Fredericksburg.

At this present writing, our latest dispatch is that sent from the field at 11 o'clock yesterday forenoon, at which hour the battle of the preceding day had not been seriously renewed.

It has been constantly reported, that down to the time of the battle, opinions were divided among our officers, as to whether the enemy would fight at Fredericksburg, or retreat with out fighting to some point nearer Richmond, or to Richmond itself.

The consequences to the rebels of a defeat at Fredericksburg, and especially of any defeat approaching the character of a rout, would be most damaging. A distance of nearly sixty miles separates them from the fortifications of Richmond, which they could not, in that event, expect to reach without a loss of, perhaps, half their numbers, and of nearly all their material

On the other hand, they had this temptation to fight at Fredericksburg, that if decisively victorious, they might expect to destroy our army, which now has a deep river in its immediate rear. It is obvious that views of this kind must have influenced the rebels, and, indeed, this is positively proved by an article from a nd paper of November 24, which we print on our outside, and in which this advantage for them of fighting at Fredericksburg is

Thus, then, relying upon the strength of the bravery of their troops would prevent defeat and forced retreat from degenerating into a rout, and foreseeing the advantages to be resped from any marked success—the rebels decided to abide the issue of the battle on the hanks of the Rappshannock, which was fought on Saturday, and it is not improbable that they may also have decided to risk a repetition and continuance of it. The indications of yesterday forenoon were decidedly that way, but the rebel leaders are so apt in masking their movements, and in doing one thing while they seem to be doing another, that it is impossible to predict their movements with any certainty.

The general impression made by the events of Saturday, as indeed of the preceding days, is, that Gen. Rurnside handles his troops rather with a skilful and cautious prudence, than with a view to accomplish a desired result without regard to cost or risk. This impression will be accepted with satisfaction by the country. as it exhibits in our commanding general a correct appreciation of the position. For us. with our superiority in numbers in the field, and in population from which to recruit armies. even drawn battles have the effect of victories It is the enemy who must fall first in this war from the effects of exhaustion, and who may prefer to that certain fate the chances, even if less than equal, of success in a single engage ment upon which everything should be staked. During vesterday, Gen. Burnside received rements from Gen. Sigel, the probable extent of which it would not be prudent to state. A not less important circumstance, is the fact that our troops, who have behaved admirably can to overthrow the Government. Mr. Morthroughout, were full of courage and spirit, and ready, and even eager, to renew the battle.

HUMORS AND DISPATCHES.

It was rumored yesterday that General Banks was at Harrison's Landing.

General Sigel's force was within eighteen supposed to have reinforced General Burnside The following dispatch was received by the

President at 4 o'clock Sunday morning:

"HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Dec. 14.—We have carried the first line of the enemy's works opposite the town and three miles below, and hope to gain the crest of the hill to-day.

I to-day. Our loss in killed and wounded is estimated about five thousand." Our wounded of Saturday have been removed

from the field, and attempts were made to bring off our dead who fell near the enemy's works in the charge of Saturday, but the rebeis opened fire on our men sent out for this purpose Up to this hour (6 o'clock p. m.) it is thought

here, from dispatches received, that there was no decisive battle on Sunday

There was no fog on Sunday.

APPOINTMENT OF EXAMINING SURGEONS The Commissioner of Pensions has made the following additional appointments of examin-

ing, Kenton, O.; Dr. H. C. Diggs, Saginaw, rail, Dodgeville, Wis.; Dr. H. S. Conklin, Syd- tion will be strong, if not irresistible. ney, O.; Dr. W. Bowen, Akron, Ohio.

GES. WADSWORTH, venterday morning, left for the front, accompanied by one of his aids, capt. Todd. Capt. Elieworth, another of his teriau. It will be read with interest. olds, will join him to-day. It is said he will mand. Gen. Wadsworth is a gallant and efficient officer, and we have no doubt will, if an and they manifested their disapprobation by opportunity offers, display the same ability in leaving the hall in high dudgeos. our affairs as military governor, and win for himself an enviable reputation.

Gen. Martindale, who has been acting as luck to the negro, for had it not been for to that command.

a law. It is a measure of urgent necessity, and preacher. the whole country, creditor as well as debtor, should aid to influence the adoption of this bill. sure like this will relieve them, and thus add bla life had been spared. to the substantial wealth of the country

comfortable room over the restaurant on the first families in Paris, London and New York outhwest corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and in preference to old Port Wine. It is worth a Fourteenth street.

HON. L. M. MORRILL. This able Senator, who represents the loyal people of Maine in the Senate of the United and property o States, made a telling speech in that body, the other day, on the resolution introduced into the Senate, making inquiry of the Secretary of War Senate, making inquiry of the Secretary of War Senate, making inquiry of the Secretary of War a good report of himself.—Wens the second in the second in

pointed, manly, and, what is more, that Se merits it by his conduct. A man sympathizing with the Government of the United States as this man sympathizes with that of Jefferson Davis, ould not live an hour in Richmond. Yet this enator is permitted to hold his seat, draw his pay, while his heart and sympathies are all with the South and with the rebellion. Such men should be denounced, and Mr. Morrill does it in

should be denounced, and Mr. Morrill does it in the following terse and pointed manner:

Now, Mr. President, let me advert to some of the current history of this country in illustration of what I am saying. The honorable Senator from Kentucky seems to take the lead in denouncing the President and the Government. It is not new with him. Let me illustrate the subject somewhat by reference to his own State. What is the condition of Kentucky? He stands here to tell you that at least 5,000 of the citizens of Kentucky have been, first and last, arrested by this Administration and restrained of their ilberty, most of whom have since been set at liberty. Now, sir, from what we know of the current history of Kentucky, what is the inference? What is the inference the honorable Senator would have the country draw? That the President has arrested so many loyal Union-loving citizens, all patriots! That is what the honorable Senator would give us to understand. Now, what is the probability? I have reason to believe that three out of every four of the able-bodied men of Kentucky, the men of war, are in the rebel ranks fighting the battles of the rebels aranist his Constitution, against this the following terse and pointed manner:

the able-bodied men of kentucky, the men of war, are in the rebel ranks fighting the battles of the rebels against this Constitution, against this Government, and against the authority of the President. What is the inference from that? Do we not know that Kentucky, from the beginning, has been a nest of traitors? Do we not know that nobody has been left in Kentucky except the old men and the women and the children? Do we not know that all such who could gight, and could get out of the State, have joined the rebels? Under such circumstances, the Senator from Kentucky comes here to ask the commiseration of the Senate; and he himself, from the beginning of this rebellion down to the present time, has stood here to denounce the Government, stood by the side of his late colleague, who denounced it from the beginning to the end of his career here, until he marched over to join the ranks of rebellion, and now heads a brigade against the Government of his country. I honor the manliness of the man who follows the logic of his teachings, and goes where he belongs rather than linger war, are in the rebel ranks fighting the battles o the rebels against this Constitution, against thi Government of his country. I honor the manlinese of the man who follows the logic of
his opinions and the logic of his teachings,
and goes where he belongs rather than linger
to advocate the cause of those who are fighting
against the Government of their country, and
who has no word of denunciation whatever to
wards men who are in arms against the Government. From the beginning of this contest
down to now, no word has escaped that honorable Senator denunciatory of the enemies of his
country; but from the beginning this Government has done no act whatever to maintain the
Federal authority that has not been denounced
by him. From his stand-point, Mr. President,
I do not know that anything else could have
been expected. He does not believe in the authority of this Government; had does not believe
that this Government is anything more than a
sort of peace establishment. He thinks that
your Constitution provides for nothing more
than a peace establishment; that in times of
war it has no power and no authority; and so,
from the beginning of this rebeilion, he has
stood here to denounce the authority of the
Government, to denounce coerviou, subjugation, and all that sort of thing, as unconstitutional, illegal, without authority of aw, a usurpation. Following the logic of such opiniona,
he must, of course, denounce the President, and
denounce all measures cleaked to restore the
supremacy of the Government and to maingain

pation. Following the logic of sacropinious the must, of course, denounce the President, and denounce all measures calculated to restore the supremacy of the Government and to maintain the Federal supremacy everywhere.

It does one good to read such sharp rebukes of traitors at such a time as this, when thes men in and out of Congress are doing all they rili's blows are well laid on, and the subject o them ought to slink away with Breckinridge

and join the rebels. It is his proper place. Maine may well be proud of her two noble Senators, and may well rejoice that while she has sent thirty thousand of her sous to the battle field to meet the rebels in flerce strife, miles of Fredericksburg on Saturday, and is she has also men in Congress able to meet the conspirators against the Government in the

councils of the nation.

Look at the loyalty of Maine, and then at what we see in Kentucky.

THE NORFOLK CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT .- ID a printed address (Dec. 6) to the voters of this district, urging them to elect a representativ to the present Congress, Gen. Dix says:

to the present Congress, Gen. Dix says:

"The Government of the United States has thought proper to visit with heavy forfeitures those who continue in hostility to it. It is in your power to avert all these consequences of the war waged against the Constitution and the Union. Your own separate action is all that is needed to turn these evils from your own doors. It is not necessary that other portions of your State should participate with you in a recognition of the authority of the Government. You may organize in your Congress district, and by electing a member to the House of Representatives in time to take his seat by the 1st of January next, you may resume your place in resentatives in time to take his seat by the as-of January next, you may resume your place in the Union with the full enjoyment of all your right as citizens of the United States. To ca-able you to do so an election will be immedi-ately ordered. If, by abstaining from the exing surgeons:
Dr. D. Hudson, Marshail, Mich.; Dr. John
W. Emery, Paw Paw, Mich.; Dr. Wm. M.
Herron, Alleghany city, Pa.: Dr. P. H. Lorthe authority of the Government, and as volume to the surface of the elective franchise, the election chall be defeated, the result will be regarded as a determination on your part not to recognize the authority of the Government, and as volume to the control of the elective franchise, the election chall be defeated, the result will be regarded as a determination on your part not to recognize the authority of the elective franchise, the election chall be defeated, the result will be regarded as a determination on your part not to recognize.

By the "full enjoyment of all your rights a Mich. : Dr. S. G. Jurvis, Claremont, N. H.; citizens of the United States," Gen. Dix, as is Dr. Phiness Spalding, Haverbill, N. H.; Dr. apparent from the context, means nothing more apparent from the context, means nothing more G. W. Pierre, Winchester, N. H.; Dr. Jacob E. Stickney, Laucaster, N. H.; Dr. Samuel Wort, holding negro slaves. It is precisely that which Stickney, Lancaster, N. H.; Dr. Samuer Wort, holding negro staves. It is precisely the promises, as the most efficient bribe, to inspect the promises, as the most efficient bribe, to inspect the promises, as the most efficient bribe, to inspect the promises, as the most efficient bribe, to inspect the promises, as the most efficient bribe, to inspect the promises, as the most efficient bribe, to inspect the promises of the pro ester Hard, Ottowa, Ill.; Dr. G. W. Burlo vote for a member of Congress. The tempta-

SERMON OF REV. MR. FRENCH .- As will be

There was a little too much of the negro in assigned an important com- it to suit certain shoulder-strapped gentlemen, The pro-sisthe field that he has shown in the management of very consitiveness of these gentlemen was apparent to all. They, probably, never consider that they owe their present position of good agement of this theatrical establishment have military governor during the absence of tea. The would, probably, never have got above clated at its opening to employ the best artistes. Wadsworth, will now probably be appointed their level—the circle of boot-blacks. The negro has enabled them to put Government money of amusements the country could afford. No

GEN. HAYARD.—This general, who fell glo- and graceful Miss Nelly Taylor, at our last visit We can see no valid objection to its immediate riously at Fredericksburg, was very young, to this establishment, was a nest gem in its shot off below the knee.

passage, but, on the contrary, we do see many considering his rank and services. He was expected the was considering his rank and services. He was which she sang on being votiferously recalled The 14th Indiana region. Why should thousands of the best business under a marriage engagement, which would before the curtain. men in the country be kept under when a mea- have been consummated in about a month, if

See a woman in another column picking THE McDowell Court of Inquiry will here- Sambuel Grapes, for Speer's Wine. It is an id its sessions in the commodious and admirable article, used in hospitals, and by the trini, as it gives great satisfaction.

EDITORIAL SUMMARY.

Mrs. C. B. Smith is meeting with great success in raising funds for the Uhristmas dinner. Sho has already obtained over \$2,000, five his from Providence, R. I., and a large sum from Indiana. This estimable lady's labors in beof many will follow her through life.

LATE intelligence from Newbern, N. C., is to the effect that our troops there are making reparations for a mo ot known.

TWENTY-PIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS Were rted in Philadelphia, on Saturday, in aid of the Christmas

alsed in that city for the suffering operatives

Two reader is referred to our first page for ome particulars of the fight of Saturday, which re take from the Sunday Morning Chronicle. STONEWALL JACKSON deules, in the Rich-

noud Enquirer, that he is the author of the oem entitled "My Wife and Child." MANDARIN WARD, late a general in the Chiese war against the rebels, was a native of , Mass. He was only thirty-one years of His life has been a romantic one. He age. ras a lieutenant in the French army during

the war in the Crimea. It appears that Rev. J. Wesley Green, the onfidence man, "2 who attempted to practice me of his games upon President Lincoln, is consummate villain. He has already spent ne twelve months in the Eastern penitent

THEATRICALS in Washington hold their way right on. Crowded houses, a desideratum pleas-ing to managers, is still the order. At Grover's, sides an excellent stock company, there is r. L. P. Barrett. The "Romance of a Poor Young Man" has been played there, during the past week, to full houses. This week they present the "Babes in the Wood," "Pauvrette," and

Mr. and Miss Richings and Mr. James Dunn and other fine actors are still at Ford's. The past week they have presented "The Daughter of the Regiment." This week the public are to

witness the weird spectacle of "Satanella." The Varieties continue to draw full house and is fast becoming a permanent institution Go and see the pan by Mr. Sands, well worth the price of adr

sion alone.

Canterbury is, as usual, crowded every night to its utmost capacity. It is to close for a short time, to make some important repairs.

WE HAVE HAD delightful weather now for ome days, and overcoats are a burden.

Hons. BENJAMIN F. FLANDERS and Michael Hahn, the representative elect from the first and second representative districts of Louisians, are said to be strong Union men of the school of Col. Hamilton, of Texas. This is a

GEN. BURNSIDE is showing great skill and masterly generalship, and is, in consequence, winning "golden opinions from all sorts of If, however, any reliance is to be Examiner, an extract from which we publish on the outside of this paper, the rebels mean to contest every inch of our way to Richmond

Twent is to us a dinner at the convalences camp on Christmas day. Arrangements are made, and the benevolent will be appeale to in aid of this good work. The plan of the who have this matter in charge will be laid be fore the public in a few days.

FORD's THEATRE.-Mr. and Miss Riching introduce to-night the fourth week of the brilliant engagement at Mr. Ford's elegant and establishment, by the production for the first time in Washington, of a new ope ratic spectacle, by the celebrated Baife, entitle "Satanella." a sparkling, splendid, and mystical plece, combining in one magnificent effect the distinctive and most fascinating elements of a grand opera, a delightful spectacle, and an exceedingly attractive and interesting drama.

The incidental features of the production, its dances, ballet action, magical transmogrifications, mechanical Illusions, tableaux, and deco surroundings, are said to be of a surpassingly lovely and agreeable character, an effective and animated blending of the beautiful, the picturesque, and the grotesque. Its scenery is said to be especially worthy of atten-tion, embracing, as it does, some of the most magnificent illustrations of the dramatic in resources of the establishment, requiring the united services of Mr. and Miss Richings, an enlarged orchestra, under the buton of Mo Fenelon, a most brilliant musician, a newly organized ballet troupe, directed by Mons. Ro Miss Annie Grahame, and Mr. C. B. Bishop,

CANTERBURY .- The fact that this place of amusement has been filled six nights in the week for more than a continuous year, and arm and side. seen, our reporter gives a sketch of the sermon that, too, regardless of the condition of the formances. "Have you been to see the mar velous dancing pirouette and pantomime exhibitions of the inimitable Galletti, Velarde, and Pennoyer ?" is now the question on the tongue of all who delight in what is most gra elegant, and enchanting in this line of wonder fully accomplished performances. The marhim amply maintained their determination enur THE BARKEUPT Law.—This measure comes in their pockets, to spend in idleness about our boths, and in places of questionable repute.—

The Barkeupt Law.—This measure comes in their pockets, to spend in idleness about our boths, and in places of questionable repute.—

Statistically of amusements the country could afford. Not could afford. Not could be provided allowed on the law.—This measure comes in their pockets, to spend in idleness about our only do you see their music and poetry shadowed out before you in graceful, fairy-like allowed it will be put upon its passage and soon become for the humane sentiments expressed by the delighted also with the most sweet and delight ful melody of the "human voice divine."

"Drunkard's Dream," sang by the modest

After reveling in these fascinating, dream like scenes, one is reminded, when they are gone, of the fine verse of Anacreon, in which he describes himself as having dreamed that he was pursuing a beautiful damsel for a king and unhappily waked a moment too soon

"When, as I sought to enatch a kiss, The vision fied—the sleep of bitss; And left alone, I felt in valn The torturing wish to sleep again."

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—A special dispatch to Tribune, from Nashville, dated on th 12th banisy has returned from a dash into the banish had been a feel our front yesterday by the hillin pike, with a strong force of cavalry disturbed the enemy early in the day, fight a considerable cavalry force and driving across the roads.

ing a considerable cavalry force and driving them across the roads.

After he had bivoacked, he intended to sur-prise Franklin; but, during the night, he was discovered, and, finding a surprise imprastica-ble, he made a dash at Franklin this morning, and was sharply resisted by the enemy shooting from the houses.

Major Wynkoop, commanding the Seven Pennsylvania cavalry, charged in a brillia manner through the town, and drove the reb

manner throngs the town, as a telesront.

After destroying flouring mills and other property useful to the rebel army, the expedition returned satisfied, losing in the affair only one man.

Three rebels, including a lieutenant, were killed, ten wounded, and twelve prisoners taken, and a large drove of secesh horses captured.

taken, and a large trued.

It was discovered that there is no large force of rebels as far west as Franklin.

There is a heavy force of rebels near Nashville and another near Murfreesboro', and a considerable force at and on this side of Stew.

considerable force at and on this side of Stew-ard's creek.

Motgan is dashing about promiscously with five thousand men. The enemy is awaiting an attack. All is quiet in front.

The entire rebel force does not exceed seventy

MURIPHERSONO', Dec. 12.—The rebel Base of yesterday, admits a loss at Hartaville, two rebet regiments of over 800 mes. Bragg sent 1,732 paroled Union prisoners our lines yesterday. They were mostly of tured at Hartaville. MORE PLUNDERING OF THE PIRATE

STATEMENT OF CAPTAIN MELLEN. An English Barque Supplies the Pirate with Coal.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The brig Newhall, from Point Petre, Guadaloupe, brought Capt. Mellen, late of the ship Levi Starbuck, as passenger. Capt. Mellen's statement is corroborative of that already published.

The pirates plundered and burned the vessel. Capt. Mellen states he was on an English barque, laden with four hundred tons of coal, at Port Royal, the esptain of which went on board the pirate, and, after consultation, the barque weighed anchor and salied that night, undoubtedly for some rendezvous to supply the pirate with coal. pirate with coal.

Capt. Lincoln, of the C. B. Walker, with his passengers, intended going to New York, by the way of Havana.

PROM CALIFORNIA. ARRIVAL OF MORE TREASURE. STEAMER NARRAGANSETT AND THREE WAR VESSELS AT PANAMA.

New York, Dec. 14 .- The steamer Champio NEW IORK, Dec. 14.—The steamer Champion, from Aspinwall, has arrived at this port, bringing seven hundred thousand dollars in treasure from California.

The steamer Nurragansett was at Panama, with three American vessels of war.

Four French vessels were to sail for Mexico immediately.

EXTENSIVE WRECK AT SEA.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14th.—The brig Keaks has rrived.

She reports that on the 19th inst., in latitude 8 55, longitude 72 40, she ran through an immense mass of boxes, with some pieces of oard resembling the pieces of the bulwark of vessel's gangway, stage, &c.

These boxes extended for six or seven miles,

These boxes extended for six or seven miles, itierally covering the water.

The Keaks picked up a new cork fender and afficien boxes, which contained army bread, apparently not more than fifteen or twenty hours in the water. They were marked "U. S. Bulstatence Department" and "Union Mechanical Baking Company, New York."

ADJUTANT DODD NOT KILLED.

New York, Dec. 14 .- It is understood that a dispatch has been received here from Adjutant Dodd, of the Fifth New Hampshire, to the ef-fect that he is alive and uninjured.

RRIVAL OF WOUNDED PROM THE

Last night, about nine o'clock, the steamer eorge Weems, from Aquia Creek, arrived at the Sixth street wharf, bringing 350 officers and didlers, who were wounded in the battles Fredericksburg. Ambulances were promptly

the various hospitals with unusual promptness These men are not dangerously wounded, but are principally such as were able to walk, and thus managed to be the first to get to the

The following officers came up in the Weems Brig. Gen. Gibbon, wounded in the hand by

piece of a shell. Brig. Gen. Kimball, of Indiana, wou the thigh severely by a section of a shell. can stage. Its performance will tax the full contusion of the side by a shell. A rifle ball struck the handle of his pistol by his side,

Major O'Neil, 63d N. Y.; wounded in the right arm just below the elbow. Capt. Thos. Leddy, acting major of the 69th

N. Y.; arm. Capt. Toal, company K, 69th N. Y.; right

Capt. Moore, company A, 68d N. Y.; arm. Lieut. O'Neil, company D, 69th N. Y.; arm In addition to the above, the following casu

Lieut. Col. Godmen, 4th Ohio; wounded i Capt. Wallace, company A, 4th Ohio; Col. Wisewell, 28th N. J.; wounded in the

couth and throat, severely. Cot. Snyder, 7th Va.; wounded in the head, Capt. Houghton, company C, 14th Ind.; leg,

Lieut. Joseph R. Swigent, aid to Gen. Kim-

wound received in the battle of Antietam. Capt. Been, company H, 14th Ind.; leg, alightly. Lient. Baker, company A, 14th Ind.; leg

Lieut. Berry, company C, 14th Ind.; slightly. The 14th Indiana regiment suffered torribly in the beginning of the engagement, iosing half its number. The entire brigade of Gen. Kimball suffered in the same proportion.

Major Horgen, 88th N. Y.; killed. Capt. Burke, 88th N. Y.; wounded in the Capt. Hart, of the 88th N. Y., acting Assistant Adjutant General to General Meagher

Capt. John Donavan, 69th N. Y.; wounded.

Lt. Patrick Callahan, 69th N. Y.; wounded. Lt. David Burke, 69th N. Y.

Lt. M. P. Bre

Lt. Mansergh, company K, 69th N. Y.; Lt. Patrick Buckley, company F, 69th N. Y.

Lt. Murphy, company C, 69th N. Y.; wound-

Major Cavanaugh, acting Lt. Col. of the 69th rounded in the hip. Lt Sculley, 69th N. Y.; wou

It will be seen that the loss of officers in the ave Sixty-ninth New York was heavy. Onl ur officers were left in the entire ree captain and three lieu

Cant. Cortwright 684 N. V.: wounded Lt. G. N. Rarty, Capt. W. G. Mitchell Lt. Parker, all of Gen. Hancock's staff, are Col. Cross, 5th N. H.; wounded

Col. Miles, 61st N. Y.; wounded. New Jersey regiments, which, though new roops, fought splendidly.

Major Philbrick, 15th March 1980 or Philbrick, 15th Mass; wounded. Dr. Chapin, 13th Mass.; wounded.

OURT MARTIAL OF GEN. PORTER SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13.

Capt. Meyler, 7th N. Y.; killed, The 7th N. Y. suffered terribly.

The court met at 11 o'clock. The cross-examination of Gen. McDowell by the accused was continued. Nothing material ly differing from the testimony given the day before, was elicited, except the belief of Gen. McD, that had Gen. P. obeyed witness's orders battle of the 29th would have resulted favo ably to our cause.

accused sought by the cross to show that it was impossible for Gen. P. to bring up his artillery, and an attack by infan-iry alone at the time would have been very in-

The court meets again this morning at 11

HE MADOWELL COURT OF INQUIR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13.

The court met at 11 o'clock, but the present of Gen. McDowell being required as a witne before the Porter court martial, it adjourns rithout transacting any business.

WE WOULD CAUTION OUr readers against placing any reliance upon the rumor that Gen. Banks is at Harrison's Landing. The story is evidently bogus, as had Banks' expedition gon to that point his transports would have been seen in the river some days since. We see no reason to suppose that Banks is going to co-operate in the reduction of Richmond or in ald of Burnside. Indeed, we believe that his desti-nation is quite a different field.

THERE WAS AN OFFICER at the Metropolitan st evening, late from the scene of strife a Fredericksburg, who told some pretty hard stories of the reverses of our troops in the battle of Saturday. We did not learn his name and we were loth to believe his stories

Roland G. Curtin, Esq., of Phila., has appointed naval storekeeper at that port, For the Republican.

DEAR SIN: On DECEMBER 12, 1862.

DEAR SIN: On DESCRIPTION MCClellan intertained the Kentucky delegation, with the exception of that truly loyal man, Cases, with dinner in a private room at Willards', Representative "Somersault" Cox, from Ohlo, Little Mac's fugleman, acting as master of ceremonies. monies.

They are running this McClellan presidential team in great shape. Splendid team this: Powell, Wickliffe, Cox and McClellan.

Birds of a feather, &c .- Ep. REP.

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7th Ward. Feter Hepburn, No. 55 south F street, between 5th and 5th streets west.

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Major Bardwell, 116th Pa.; wounded in the left hand. It was thought amputation would be necessary, but there is hope of saving the hand.

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